

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/15/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 8-14 and 16-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per claims 1, 10, 19 and 26 the closest prior art of record US 6,425,825 B1-Sitrick [Sitrick'825], US 6,253,193 B1-Ginter et al. [Ginter'193], Leeke et al. U.S. Patent 6,587,127 [Leeke], Yoda U.S. Patent 5,515,268A [Yoda], and Latypov et al., U.S. Patent 6,005,548 [Latypov]. taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest determining, at a website, whether the vision-enabled or standard content should be sent using the applet and based upon the plug-in program, dynamically displaying the image of the user combined with the selected subset of the vision-enabled content in a real-time interaction with a virtual environment and wherein the vision-enabled content includes one or more musicians in a music video.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The specific allowable feature, which distinguishes the present invention over the prior art is dynamically displaying the image of the user combined with the selected subset of the vision-enabled content in a real-time interaction with a virtual environment and wherein the vision-enabled content includes one or more musicians in a music video.

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Claims 2-5, and 8-9, 11-14 and 16-18, 20-25 and 27 are respectively dependent upon Claims 1, 10, 19 and 26 respectively and thus have all the limitations of claims 1, 10, 19 and 26 and are allowable for that reason.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The Web Goes 3-D. (includes related articles on Editor's Choices, Suitability to Task Ratings, VR and 3D palyers, gallery of scenes)(overview of six evaluations of Virtual Reality Modeling Language Builders and browsers)(individual evaluation records searchable under "The Web Goes 3-d)(Software Review)(Evaluation) Schweber, Linda Von; Schweber, Eric Von PC magazine, Volume: 15, Number: 19, Page: 229 (9), Nov. 1996.

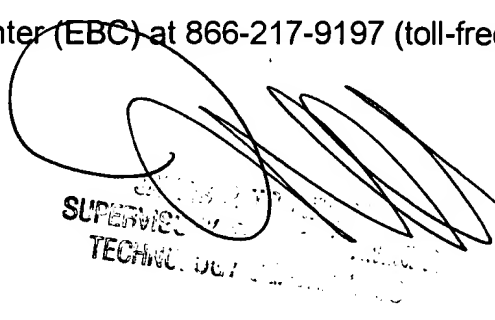
A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBJECT-BASED VIDEO DESCRIPTION AND LINKNG WIPO WO 98/47084- SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel L. Greene whose telephone number is 571-272-6707. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur. 8am-6pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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